

REMARKS

The Office Action of November 26, 2003 is noted in which the claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over the Kalik et al. reference.

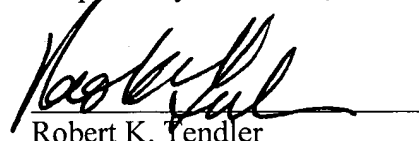
Applicants provide herewith additional Rule 131 Declarations swearing behind this reference.

It is Applicants' contention that the Rule 131 Declarations of all of the inventors are effective to swear behind this reference.

With removal of this reference it is Applicants' contention that the claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of the claims and issuance of the case are therefore earnestly solicited.

Alternatively, entry of this Amendment for purposes of appeal is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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